



O CHURCH OF GOD

IDA WOODRING

*O Church of God move on, move on,
And let your light shine as the sun;
Throughout the world in sin's dark night,
O Church of God, stand for the right.*

*Let not confusion, war and strife
Creep in to mar and dim your life,
But through God's Spirit, power and might,
O Church of God, stand for the right.*

*Though Satan comes with trap and snare,
We know our God will answer prayer;
So buckle on your armor bright,
O Church of God, stand for the right.*

*A few more prayers, a few more tears
Will end all doubt and grief and fears;
Just march ahead in God's pure light,
O Church of God, stand for the right.*

*A few more battles fought and won,
Then we shall hear Him say, "Well done."
Stand true to God and win the fight,
O Church of God, stand for the right.*

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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"He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily," Nahum 2:1.

Notices

A Confession

I want to humbly ask forgiveness of all officials of the Church of God for things that I said against anyone during our conflict here. I have visited Pulaski, Va., to investigate that movement, also have run a meeting for the Tomlinson church and have had different offers from independent works, but the Church of God is my home. I am glad for the love that the pastor here, Brother C. H. Long, and Brother Clark, the evangelist, showed me, and for the untiring efforts of a peace-loving overseer, Brother E. O. Kerce, who wants to see the Church of God go forward. He has prayed and advised us all until there aren't two churches in Grand Ledge anymore, but we are one and expect to be until Jesus comes. We trust and pray that the enemy will never be able to sever us from our Church Home, the cause we love so well. —Your brother and coworker, Herbert Maguire.

P. S.—This confession endorsed and sent in by E. O. Kerce, overseer of Michigan. He writes: "These people have come back to the Church and we trust they will be a blessing to the Church forever in the future."—Editor.

To pastors, Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendents and churches of Maryland and Eastern Virginia: Brother Samuel Sellick has been appointed state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent for the ensuing year and he will visit your church in the near future. We believe Brother Sellick will be a great blessing to your workers as he is a man of God and I do not hesitate to endorse him to all. Send all reports for the Y. P. E. and Sunday school to Samuel Sellick, 707 Maryland Ave., Extd., Cambridge, Md.—D. C. Boatwright, state overseer.

Open For Calls

I came from the Assemblies of God in June of 1940 and was unable to attend the General Assembly. I have had only several meetings in the Church of God since then. I have the very best of references—Rev. E. C. Clark, state overseer of Ohio, being one. I am not known by many of the brethren yet. We desire evangelistic work and prefer the South. My wife sings specials and plays the guitar and piano. I preach mostly on the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—Terry Peterson, 408 Newall Ave., East Akron, Ohio.

This notice O. K'd by E. C. Clark, overseer of Ohio.

Changes of Address of Ministers and Workers

H. H. Mathis—Old: Box 518, Ponce de Leon, Fla. New: Gen. Del., DeFunak Springs, Fla.

John Ard—Route 2, Arcadia, Fla.
James L. Slay, overseer of California and Nevada—615½ Santa Barbara, W., Los Angeles, Calif.

A TOKEN OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE



EVANGELIST NONA DAME

James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

This is really pure religion, the thing that we need so much in this age in which we live, and if we have it we will manifest it in some way. I praise God for the Church of God Orphanage, which is working with an untiring effort to aid orphan children in building strong, noble and virtuous characters for God and His glory.

Well do I remember the time, March 5, 1910, when my dear earthly father was taken to be with Jesus, leaving mother and us six children to face a cold world alone, and only those who have experienced such know how to be as thankful as they should for such a wonderful place as the Church of God Orphanage where these little jewels can be trained for God.

The sweetest memories that linger with me are those of a good Christian father and his untiring efforts to rear us for God. My heart is touched and tears fill my eyes as I pen these lines in behalf of the Orphanage. I take this method of expressing my appreciation to those who have cooperated with me in gathering coupons for silverware for the orphans.

The churches are as follows: Illinois—Sesser, Christopher, Mt. Vernon, Marcy, West Frankfort, Urbana, Lawrenceville, Olney, Bompas Creek, Bridgeport, Chauncey, Moline, McLeansboro. Michigan—Pontiac, C. W. Florence, pastor, East Detroit, C. W. Milligan, pastor. Ohio—Fostoria, Findlay, D. G. Phillips, pastor, Dayton, Sidney, A. R. Heaston, pastor.

I hope I haven't overlooked any. I have sent in four sets of silverware and sent to Headquarters coupons for the fifth set and I trust they have received them all. Why not our orphan children eat from Wm. Rogers and Medality Silverware when there are so many Church of God folks.

May God ever bless this worthy cause is my heart's cry.—Sincerely yours in the Master's service, Mrs. Nona Dame, pastor at Robinson, Ill., 212 S. Webster St., phone 240-M.

Revival Report

PARMA, Mo.—The Church of God at Parma, Mo., recently closed a revival with our state overseer, Brother H. R. Morehead, as our evangelist. Brother Morehead's inspiring messages were enjoyed by everyone who heard them and he gained many new friends. Sister Morehead came the latter part of the revival and her music and singing was indeed a blessing to everyone.

At the close of the revival we had an all-day service for the purpose of paying off the indebtedness on our new church building. In the afternoon service we opened the Bible and laid it on the altar. God wonderfully blessed and a cash offering of \$200.00 was laid on the Bible. One brother of another faith gave \$50.00, then business men sent offerings of ten, twenty and thirty dollars, and many of our good members had given part of their living, to see our church free of debt. My, how God did bless as we stood to thank Him for this offering. The Holy Ghost took charge. Some were broken up, some shouted and everyone in the building felt the mighty power of God.

Our church is a little over a year old, newly painted, free of debt and made the honor roll last year, and by God's help we want to this year. We are over the top with all our quotas but one and are working on it. God is blessing. We have one of the leading Sunday schools in our town, for which we thank God. We thank each and every one who has helped us in any way, especially our beloved state overseer, Brother Morehead, who has been such a blessing to our entire state.

We desire the prayers of everyone, that we will press onward and upward until the glorious appearing of our Savior.—J. R. Lenning, pastor.

See That Ye Be

Not Troubled

A few weeks ago it was rumors of war, today war has come; trouble, disasters, bloodshed, earthquakes, tears shed, and death, yet He says, "Be not troubled."

Paul, after receiving a revelation of God's purpose and plans for Israel and for the world, declared, "How unsearchable are his judgments," (Rom. 11:33) and yet the ways of God, which none of the wise and prudent of earth can ever ferret out, were made known by revelation unto Moses, Psa. 103:7. And the Lord, who so wonderfully revealed His ways unto Moses, will make them known unto His humble children today. 1 Cor. 2:10.

When Moses was born there was a dictator on the throne of Egypt. He passed the sentence of death on the male Hebrew children. Moses' parents had faith in God and in response to their faith, by a miracle of grace, the child that Pharaoh had doomed to death was given a place in the royal court. Hatred for the Hebrews is no new thing. It dates back as far as Pharaoh. But God has a way of dealing with those who are haters of the seed of Abraham. Though Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds, he himself could not bring deliverance to his own race. But on the back side of the desert the Lord made known His ways unto Moses. He spoke from out the burning bush, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt," Exod. 3:7, 10.

When Moses, that man of God, arrived there came mighty judgments upon Egypt, especially the plague of darkness. I wish to dwell on darkness for a while. God sent this plague of darkness which lasted for three days. Oh, it was so terribly dark. The darkness was so thick it could be felt. Can you imagine such darkness! I listened one night to a news reporter from San Francisco tell of their first blackout. How awful he felt in darkness, with planes roaring overhead and the people expecting a bomb to drop on the city any minute. They were excited. Fear had filled every soul. Oh, how terrible it must be to sit in darkness, the soul in spiritual darkness and the dread of outer darkness. There will be fire

there but no light, crying and weeping for ever and ever. The blackout is only for a season, soon the "all clear" signal is given and back to the places of amusements, dance floors, night clubs, taverns, eating and drinking the people go. "As in Noah's day, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Blackouts may come but there can be a light away down deep in the soul. Paul tells us, "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." 1 Thess. 5:4, 5. The children of Israel had light in their dwellings but for three days the Egyptians were in darkness, so black it could be felt; it was thick. Isa. 20:2, "Behold darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people." But His people can have Jesus the Light of the world, the Morning Star.

There came a time when Egypt was ripe for greater judgments. Israel was to be exempted from the judgment providing the blood was on the door posts of their dwellings. His message was, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt," Exod. 12:13. God protected Israel from wrath. Today the saints who shelter under the all-availing, all-prevailing blood of Christ can be partakers of the Lamb, and boldly declare, "God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Thess. 5:9; "which delivered us from the wrath to come," 1 Thess. 1:10. Thank God for the great plan of salvation.

When the judgments came on Egypt, the wrath of Pharaoh was kindled against the children of Israel. Just look at the spirit of Pharaoh. He said, "I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them," Exod. 15:9. Another Hitler!

God's time came. Exod. 15:10, "Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters." Moses and the children of Israel sang, "Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown that rose up against thee: . . Who is like unto thee, O Lord among the gods? who is like thee,

Jesus warned us, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars," and added, "see that ye be not troubled," Matt. 24:

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Julia Sawyer

glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" Exodus 15:6, 7, 11. God has a set time to deal out justice to His oppressors. Look at Haman and Pharaoh, and watch Hitler fall. The judgments that God is sending today speak loudly of the fulfilling of the Word of prophecy. "As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you," Ezek. 20:33.

The prophet Ezekiel was taken in the spirit into the temple of God, and was shown the abominable idolatry to which Judah had descended—the unholy things done in the dark. Ezek. 8:12. In that day of almost universal apostasy there were a few, a godly remnant, who were still separated in heart and life unto the Lord. The word was given by the Lord to a man clothed in linen, who had a writer's inkhorn by his side, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof," Ezek. 9:4. Then to six men who had every man a slaughter weapon in his hand, the word came: "Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: slay utterly old and young, both maids and little children, and women: But come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary," Ezek. 9:5, 6, or the Church.

God wants His house clean, the vessels clean, sanctified for the Master's use. God wants His people to be holy, for He says, "Ye shine as lights in the world." I wonder as I write, if the man in linen should begin to mark the Church members, would he find the house all set in order, all ready to welcome him in. The saints of God must be watching, that we may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that are coming to pass. God wants to seal His children. "Having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his." It is like unto the plate on Aaron's forehead with the inscription "Holiness unto the Lord." When the time comes to separate the wheat from the tares, the angel will not fail to recognize the holy seal.

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The Other Side

IT has been said that there are two sides to every thing, and this statement is made largely with reference to stories which are told, the pro and con of incidents, accidents, and happenings in general. But it is no less true of other things. The road to heaven has two ends. The one goes to Glory; it is the positive. The other lands in torment; it is the negative end of the plan of salvation. There are two distinct poles to the electric battery and direct current flows from the negative to the positive. Electrical apparatuses hooked up opposite, we are told, do not run.

Salvation depends on right doing but while this is true it also depends on the shunning of wrong for wrong and right are opposite poles in the plan. This plan was founded on God's love for humanity, and the plan for those who accept it is brotherly love which is predicated on the love of God. Brotherly love, like other things, also has its positive and negative sides. There are many things that brotherly love will not do. It does not envy. It is not vain and proud. It is not rude, discourteous. It is not selfish. It does not put the "I" above all else. It is not easily irritated and provoked when it is called on to suffer reproach or cannot have its own way. It does not keep a list of slights visited upon it. It does not use a magnifying glass to search out the spots in others. It does not rejoice when iniquity gains ground. When these things are manifested in one's life, he may know that he is slipping toward the negative end of brotherly love.

The importance of knowing the negative side is certainly shown by Paul's catalog in 1 Cor. 13:4-7, for there are fifteen traits listed. Eight of them are negative and seven positive. Thus if numerical superiority amounts to anything, it is more necessary to know the things that we are not to do than the things we are to do; at least, when one learns the wrong direction and becomes so convicted, it is easier for him to check up and go the other way.

For Clean News

A NEW newspaper has broken out into the field of publications, known as "The Protestant Voice." It is only a few weeks old but seems to

have been received with open arms by the Protestant clergy. It purports to be the voice of more than fifty million Protestants and seems to fill a long-felt need in that it is a digest of the world's religious news up to date.

There are some outstanding things about this new newspaper. One is, to quote the announcement directly, "The Protestant Voice accepts no liquor or tobacco advertisements; prints no crime or sex stories." And this is certainly admirable in a newspaper because the ordinary publication revels in those things which are the most lucrative and there seems to be more money in liquor and tobacco advertisements and in crime and sex stories than in any other. To quote again from *The Protestant Voice*, its platform is: "1. To present wholesome news vital to the American public, and news of mutual denominational interest. 2. To promote unity of effort among Protestant forces for the purpose of achieving objectives. 3. To mobilize the potential moral forces of America through increased church attendance. 4. To be strictly non-Protestant in policies but to exalt the principles of economic justice and maintain the dignity of labor. 5. To oppose both class hatred and class favor. 6. To supply a medium wherein Protestant organizations and individuals may express their views and convictions. 7. To champion vigorously the cause of religious freedom in the new world and the absolute separation of church and state."

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Racial Good Will

T H E Federal Council of the

C h u r c h e s o f

Christ in America has set aside the month of February and designated it as a month of observance of international brotherhood. Good will among all races is stressed. Tomorrow, Sunday, Feb. 8, is set aside as Race Relation Sunday and will be observed for the twentieth year in the promotion of racial good will and brotherhood. This is certainly a gesture which it seems to us should be made by all Christian churches, for since God has made no difference in races or nations, but has laid a plan of salvation

designed for and open to all, it is the least that those who have accepted Him as Christ can do to accept them in a common brotherhood.

Coincidently with the announcement of the Federal Council of Churches a similar though more specific purpose is served by observance of Brotherhood Week, beginning February 15 under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, another broad step away from the spirit of intolerance and totalitarianism, and all such steps can be accepted by Christendom and their observance noted and accepted. It would be a nice thing if every Church of God preacher would take special note of these announcements and promote the spirit of good will and brotherhood in his church during the month of February, letting the high light of this observance be on Sunday, February 8, and all church activities be directed toward the spirit of true and genuine brotherhood.



The Minister's Garb

A DENOMINATIONAL paper of Utica, N. Y., is making a plea to ministers to

revive the traditional custom of wearing a clerical garb, "for the sake of making a constant and public witness of their position as Christian servants of their com-

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Brotherhood Through Fatherhood

GOOD will among the races toward all men is being stressed by different religious organizations and also by outstanding religious leaders throughout the world. Someone has suggested that February be designated as International Brotherhood Month, and the motto of some of these leaders in society is the establishing of a democratic society based on the Christian ideal in which every race will share equal rights and privileges without bars to fellowship.

Brotherhood — brotherhood is God's idea and not the product of the human mind; however, the human mind can comprehend it. On the other hand, it is a divine principle about which the enemy of God and man would keep us confused and toward which he would have souls remain indifferent. The idea of brotherhood to all men is not only a conception of what ought to be but is an essential part of the ideals of our heavenly Father for the entire human family; and when interest in this worthy endeavor is revived, I deem it the duty and privilege of every Christian layman and minister to take advantage of this revived interest and let no stones be left unturned or any opportunity neglected or passed up for making known from printed page and pulpit, by private conversations, and over the radio or by any other means the principles and conditions of brotherhood through fatherhood, which is the only true brotherhood for all men.

The idea of brotherhood for all men, and programs for its promotion by men, is nothing new. It has appealed to the races through the centuries, as is evidenced by the many different lodges, organizations, clubs, etc.; and the idea will continue to appeal to the souls of men because of the following facts:

First, the idea is of God and therefore is as indestructible as God Himself.

Second, God created men—yes, all men—with a capacity for its realization and enjoyment.

Third, God's highest glory depends on it.

Fourth, man's highest usefulness depends on it.

Fifth, the happiness of the human heart depends on it.

Sixth, the successful prosecution and defeat of the principles which grieve God and distress men depend on it.

Seventh, the overthrow and abolition of political systems which plan the annihilation of other nations and waste earth's resources in an effort to destroy

R. P. JOHNSON,
First Assistant General Overseer

human life and happiness, instead of developing and directing them into the channels of blessedness, depend on it.

The idea of brotherhood through fatherhood was conceived in and born of divine love, and the triune God has made this the most important business of either heaven or earth. To that glorious end plans were laid, conditions set forth, and a course of action decided upon, which included (1) the supreme sacrifice of the Father giving His Son, (2) the dedication of Christ and the sacrifice of His life upon the cross of Calvary, (3) the sending forth of the Holy Ghost to reprove the world of that which had broken fellowship with God and which brought enmity between men (sin), and (4) the giving of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ which clearly reveals the conditions which are to be met and the way in which men are to proceed in their labor with God to bring about this happy state among men. In Genesis 4:9 the question was raised by a young man when he asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" No doubt, the responsibility which he felt caused him to ask this question. Satan and sin had entered in and broken fellowship between God and man, thereby grieving God and blighting man's happiness. This question was raised by one who, instead of keeping his brother, had just slain him, and all because of their father Adam, who failed to appreciate the fatherhood of God.

It is true that all people should do all within their power to break down racial, political, and denominational barriers which hinder fellowship among men. Yet this can never be done as long as the principle which broke fellowship with God exists or shall rule in the human heart, as long as greed, hatred, or selfishness is tolerated. Any plan which does not outlaw sin and wrong will prove fruitless and va'n. To bring about fellowship and brotherhood men must meet Bible conditions and pursue the course of action as laid down by our Lord Jesus Christ. They must follow His example and adopt His attitudes toward the human family. Christ came to earth and became a mediator between God and man to reconcile both Jew and Gentile unto God and thereby make one new man who could, from his heart, say, "Our Father, which art in heaven." This He did by the sacrifice of Himself upon the cross of

Calvary. It was on Calvary that national and racial lines were broken down.

In the first division of the poem, Sarah Knowles seems to have a vision of the very thing of which we are writing and to which end the Church of God is laboring, serving, and sacrificing; and we are happy to say, and say it without fear of contradiction of our hearts or consciences, that at this moment there are people who are enjoying real brotherhood because of their association with Calvary. Not only do they enjoy joint brotherhood among themselves, but it is a source of great pleasure to them to realize that they are enjoying the brotherhood of Jesus Christ. They are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. Romans 8:17. How wonderful, indeed, that the Son of God came to earth; and by the life He lived, the doctrines He taught, the works which He did, especially that upon Calvary, perfected a plan whereby all nations, every kindred and tongue, could come to God and become His children and thereby become brethren! Henceforth through His gospel the ministry that He has called forth to be associated with Him enjoys the blessed reality of a brotherhood of all nations through fatherhood. We do not mean by this that all people of all nations, but some of all nations enjoy this great blessing and to us a Brotherhood Day, a Brotherhood Week, a Brotherhood Month is not enough. It is an all-time job.

Fulfilling Promise

MANATEE, Fla — I would like to take this opportunity to thank and praise the Lord for His many wonderful blessings to me and for hearing and answering my prayers many times. I prayed to God and promised Him I would praise Him if He would deliver me from a certain place and thing. He did it, so I'm taking this opportunity to fulfill my promise to Him. I want all to help me pray that the Lord will soon undertake and answer my prayers if it is His will for them to be answered. Also pray for my daddy, sister, brother-in-law and two brothers to be saved before it is too late.

I have many trials and tests and am sometimes discouraged, but I look to Jesus and He helps me to overcome. Bless His name! Please pray for me, that I will draw closer to God and have a closer walk with Jesus in my daily life.—Heywood Thomas, 11643, Apt. 4, E. Vernor Hwy., Detroit, Mich.

Interesting News From B. T. S.

B.T.S. PUBLISHING AN ANNUAL!

NEW BUILDING GOING UP!

REVIVAL IN B. T. S.!

SEMESTER CLOSES!

THE first picture you see on this page shows a heavy steel beam being lifted into place twenty-six feet above the ground in the new building at the Bible Training School. This picture was taken early in the morning, January 14, and already the wall, which is to rise fifteen feet above this point, has gone on upward nearly half that distance. Progress is encouraging at the present time, although there were some unavoidable delays in getting materials earlier in the construction. It is expected that the roof will be on within three weeks, after which work may go on unhindered by the weather. It must be said, however, that the weather has been favorable for building purposes beyond anyone's expectations.

At the right end of the beam is Brother Anderson Miller, the contractor, directing it into its position above the entrance to the double doors connecting the new building with the old. An elevated hallway will span the thirty-two foot distance, connecting at the stairs half way between the main and upper floors of the old building, and with the auditorium floor of the new. Brother Miller says he expects to have the auditorium completed in time for baccalaureate service and graduation exercises. It will seat probably seven or eight hundred and provide standing room for perhaps four hundred more. At the back of the building the men are now working on the fifth and last story, between fifty and sixty feet from the ground.

Watch the Evangel for pictures from time to time showing different phases of the work, but what's more than that, watch for the new B. T. S. "Beacon!" Among its many beautiful pages will be an entire page devoted to different views of the building and the work. There has been discussion for several years about putting out an annual for the Bible Training School, and this year being the first year for the Junior College and the new building, it was finally decided just before Christmas to get the project under way. A staff was organized, consisting of Horace



McCracken, Clifford Bridges, Benjamin DeLay, Ren Cassells, Loree Burnett, Wanda Carey, Esel Gibson, Charles Rogers, Claude Phillips, and Virginia Green, with Sister Swiger as adviser. The school forwarded money for the purchase of suitable camera and lighting equipment, which the profits of the annual should pay for in the course of two years. The two pictures on this page were taken with this camera, and will appear in the annual. The other picture on this page is of Miss Euverla Tidwell, as one of the eight music teachers in the school at the present time.

The prospects are encouraging for the "Beacon." Cooperation has been good, and I can only thank the Lord for the way He has worked things out so smoothly many times. It is purposed that the book shall honor the Lord and be a credit to a Church of God school throughout. It will contain a beautiful view of the school, portraits of the faculty and seniors, group pictures includ-

ing every student in school, pictures of the various clubs and activities, a section of six pages on the musical work of the school, nine pages of snaps, including two pages of informal shots of the faculty, and a number of other beautiful pictures of miscellaneous subjects, with brief and appropriate write-ups.

To prospective students, into whose hands the book may fall, it will present a complete and inspiring view of every phase of B. T. S., and local churches, evangelists, and overseers will find it invaluable in boosting the school. Only 300 of the books are to be printed this year, according to present plans, so may we kindly suggest: If you would be wise, don't wait till the last to get yours reserved, or don't figure on getting it when you come up to the school at graduation time. Send your three dollars to Clifford Bridges, Business Manager for the Beacon, Bible Training School; or, if you wish, you may send one dollar now and have it reserved, paying the remainder later. A receipt will be sent you. And if there are any churches or individuals who would like to purchase advertising space in this book, that may be taken up with him also.

A week ago, in the Wednesday night service, the Lord sent down a gracious outpouring of His Spirit, refreshing indeed to all of us at this time of strain and hard work. It seemed that the Lord wanted to bless us real good just before we plunged into the week, of the semester fin-

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Good News from El Salvador

J. H. INGRAM



REV. H. S. SYVERSON,
Missionary to El Salvador, and family.

The Convention at El Congo

The writer was accorded the high honor of being the convention speaker at the first general meeting at El Congo, Nov. 22-24, celebrating the first anniversary of the founding of the Church of God. We were accompanied from Guatemala by Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Furman, our missionaries from the "Land of the Quetzal." We received a "big hand" from everyone no sooner than we arrived. At the border, instead of an army of porters swarming about us, uniformed policemen came and carried our bags and saw us through customs inspection with a minimum of trouble. And when we arrived at El Congo, a suburban town belonging to the city of Coatepeque, we received a telegram from the governor giving us a welcome and granting full liberty of worship during our convention. We were

also welcomed by the mayor and several city officials during our visit. We called on the governor later at the Departmental Palace and were royally received. He expressed himself as being favorably impressed with the Church of God work under our Brother Syverson and offered the use of his good offices in case his help was needed in any way. On Monday afternoon the city clerk came over to give us a welcoming hand and was so impressed during our ministers' meeting that he got up and publicly surrendered to God, asking pardon, and placed himself unreservedly at our service in the Church. The last night the city treasurer and one of the municipal syndics occupied front seats during my farewell sermon. They took part in the song service and were visibly moved. Brother Syverson, with the help of Brother Mebius and a corps of native workers, had labored hard to get the new central church finished for the convention. There were seats for about 350, with probably as many more crowded in and around the doors, and the order could not have been better under any circumstances. The people stood for hours spellbound as God poured out the power of the Spirit upon His people. Several were saved and a number received the Holy Ghost during the time.

While in El Salvador we were guests at the Missionary Home and School conducted by Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Humphrey, ex-Baptist missionaries. The Home is located in the city of Cojutepeque among surroundings that are almost unequalled morally and naturally and the spiritual air is wholesome. This institution was made possible through a gift of \$9,000.00 from the late Mr. W. H. Hoover of the Hoover Vacuum Cleaner Company, Canton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey have invited Brother Syverson to take up permanent residence at the Home, having reserved four rooms and bath for the use of the family. They have their meals served as well, and the cost is very, very nominal, barely enough to pay for the good wholesome food that is served in abundance. This is some more of God's doings in opening up such a fine place for our brother's family to stay while he is away on the field in the interior. They have fine paved roads through this section, and a railroad, but most of our work can only be reached on horseback.

Requests

For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

Pray For

My brother, Henry Hastings, who has lung trouble. If God doesn't undertake he can't last long.—Mrs. Virginia Asbury, Packsville, W. Va.

—R—
My little boy to be healed.—Mrs. Nellie Phillips, 27 Blanch St., Battle Creek, Mich.

—R—
The healing of my body, the doctor said I had a tumor.—Mrs. Anna Donner, 124 N. Pine St., Pratt, Kans.

—R—
God to heal my precious mother's body. She is all I have—no father, no brothers or sisters and I am a widow. If it is God's will I so much want to keep her; it would be hard to face life without her. She is critically ill, so please pray earnestly that God will heal her. A precious friend to find Jesus.—Mrs. C. F. Lowry, Chester, S. C.

—R—
My little girl's tonsils to be healed; God to heal the mental condition of a friend.—A faithful reader, Cincinnati, Ohio.

—R—
The healing of my body. My health is bad and I have a growth on my right shoulder with which I suffer so much. I can't raise my arm for the growth. The doctor said it could be a cancer and that he can't do anything else for me. I have four little children and they need me.—Rosey Lee Edwards, 217 Hendrix Ave., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

—R—
Our baby to be healed of weak lungs and bronchitis, he now has double pneumonia.—Floyd Cash, Rt. 4, Knoxville, Tenn.

—R—
The healing of my husband, his neck has an enlarged blood vessel and he has other troubles.—Mrs. Edna McLin, Plant City, Fla.

—R—
God to undertake for my sister, she is in a pitiful condition.—Mrs. Maggie Campbell, Leaksville, N. C.

—R—
The Lord to heal my son-in-law of bleeding at the nose, D. V.—A sister, Orangeburg, S. C.

—R—
The healing of my body, I have had an operation for appendicitis but still have bad spells with my side and back; my husband's side to be healed; my little boy who has weak lungs to be healed.—Mrs. Ray Eller, Titus, Ga.

—R—
The healing of my body and me to get closer to the Lord; a very urgent request.—Ruby Rogers, Rt. 1, Haleyville, Ala.

—R—
The saving and healing of my father and mother.—Mrs. Charles G. Paschal, Box 262, Clayton, Ga.

—R—
God to completely heal me of sick headaches, and psoriasis which the doctors say can't be cured. I know God is able to heal me; unspoken request.—Mrs. Clyde Gooch, South St. Joseph, Mo.

—R—
The healing of my mother who has been under such a severe nervous strain until it has affected her mind, also that she will be saved.—L. W. Fairburn, Box 214, Ponchatoula, La.

—R—
The Lord to undertake and deliver me.—A friend, Shannon, Ga.

—R—
My aged father; my husband; my daughters.—Mrs. Edgar Adcock, Rt. 2, Adairsville, Ga.

—R—
The Lord to save and heal my body, I have been sick three years with high blood pressure and now have poison kidneys and am swollen so badly I can't bear it long.—Wade Rogers, Mountain City, Ga.

—R—
The healing of our neighbor, Mr. Harry Bowman, who is bedfast with T. B. Also pray that he will receive the Holy Ghost. My little grandson who is sick to be healed.—Mrs. Jim Quisenberry, Versailles, Ky.

—R—
God to help me and that I will do what He would have me do. This is very important and I must do what He wants me to do.—Sister Reath, Carlisle, Pa.

—R—
The healing of my son's body, he has

some kind of growth that gives him lots of trouble, also that he will be saved.—Laura Barrentine, Rt. 1, c/o J. G. Morgan, Shaw, Miss.

—R—
The healing of Loraine Perry's body, she is in the Abingdon hospital and by this time has undergone an operation.—Mrs. Joe B. McCracken, Box 12, Meadowview, Va.

—R—
The healing of my body, my health is very bad and I am in a serious condition. I have infected kidneys and bladder, heart trouble, low blood pressure and a general run-down system. Please pray that I may be healed.—W. L. Stephens, Fresno, Calif.

—R—
Me to be healed of a heart trouble.—Nettie Tidwell, Cartersville, Ga.

—R—
Me to be completely healed; unspoken request.—Louise Barnes, Davin, W. Va.

—R—
The healing of Mrs. Effie Hammonds who has leakage of the heart; my father, J. A. Denny, who is in the hospital in Columbus, Ga. He has sugar diabetes and has had to have a leg taken off. Please pray for him to be saved; unspoken request.—Mrs. A. G. Maddox, Central, S. C.

—R—
The healing of Mrs. Martha Walters who is in a very serious condition.—Mrs. Rosa Vaughn Osborne, Cawood, Ky.

—R—
The healing of our pastor, Brother Lankford, he has been sick since Christmas; my children; my son-in-law who is in camp.—Lois Wright, Jasper, Ala.

—R—
My mother, grandmother, two sisters and two friends; the healing of my eyes, they are weak.—Leetha M. Murray, Rt. 1, Springville, Ala.

—R—
The healing of Sister Payne, she has been afflicted for some time and has had a hemorrhage of the bowels.—Mrs. W. H. Huddleston, Cherokee St., Maryville, Tenn.

—R—
The healing of my body and that God will undertake for my children and me. I have a very unhappy home and I truly need your prayers.—Sister Eva Smith, 1853 Champlain St., Toledo, Ohio.

—R—
The Lord to heal my body.—Grace Grant, Galax, Va.

—R—
Me to be completely healed.—Mrs. Mary M. Messer, Seebert, W. Va.

—R—
The healing of my body, I haven't been able to work since December on account of my nerves.—J. O. Cochran, 1110 N. 6th St., Nashville, Tenn.

—R—
The healing of my head, it hurts until it is almost unbearable; my sister's eyes to be healed.—Odessa Gravette, Talladega, Ala.

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Weekly Question Box

Question: In 2 Cor. 9:7 we read, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." What is meant by the word "necessity"?—J. C. P.

Answer: This is a good question. Particularly so because many people have had the view that when one needed money himself he should not give. But this is far from the truth and far from that which is meant by this scripture. If it were true, the door for sacrificial offerings would be completely closed. But what is meant by this scripture? Listen, "not grudgingly, or of necessity." The Syriac Version says, "not by constraint: for the Lord loveth a joyous giver." Moffatt's Translation uses the word "compulsion." So we are not to give from necessity, compulsion, or constraint. Or, to give it to you in common, everyday words: not because the church needs it for building purposes or otherwise, but because we love God and we want to contribute to His cause, and in doing it cheerfully we have the smile of God's approval and a claim to His love.

Question: I have been asked many times, "When did Paul get saved and sanctified?" Some say he had nothing until Ananias laid his hands on him.—J. D. L.

Answer: This is rather a specific question, for which there is no specific answer in the Bible. It certainly is clear, however, that the statement that Paul received nothing until Ananias laid his hands on him is unfounded. Paul's conversion evidently took place between Jerusalem and Damascus. The historical setting of that event in Acts 9 does not give much information on the subject, but in Paul's testimony to King Agrippa, relating the incident of his meeting with the Lord on the way to Damascus, he gives the voice that spoke to him as saying, "But rise, and stand upon thy feet; for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee," Acts 26:16. We also have in Acts 9:15 that God spoke to Ananias on this wise, "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel." It is therefore to be concluded that Paul accepted the Lord on his way to Damascus and that in his submission to this phenomenon God accepted him. He did not receive the Holy

Ghost, however, until he met with Ananias in Damascus, as is evidenced by verse 17, "And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost."

Question: Please explain St. John 16:13.—J. W. T.

Answer: The scripture referred to is as follows: "Howbeit when he, the spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come." This is a plain prophecy from the lips of Jesus of the advent of the Holy Ghost. In John 14:26 Christ had referred to Him as the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost and in John 15:26 He again referred to Him as the Comforter, and said, "He shall testify of me." The word "comforter" comes from the Greek word "*paraclete*," meaning "a mediator" or "one who stands between." Christ had been a leader and a guide and a comforter to the disciples while He was with them, and in leaving them He told them of another comforter that should come in His stead to be with them, and being with them He would be able to help them meet everything with which they would come in contact. Thus He said, "He will show you things to come." The Spirit of God is our guide today and leads us, but it must be remembered that the Spirit and the Word agree and that He leads us in the way of all truth, so we can only go by that which corresponds with the word of God and that which testifies of Jesus (the Word).

Question: Please tell me what is wrong with a Christian when he gets to where he feels like everybody has forsaken him and he doesn't have a friend in all the world except Jesus.—M. M. S.

Answer: This condition is a mental condition pure and simple. The suggestion made is made by Satan and the child of God should not accept any suggestions from Satan. Every Christian has had to go through this experience, and not only Christians for away back in Old Testament times Elijah found himself in a similar predicament when he had fled from the presence of an angry queen, perhaps in a much worse predicament than anyone gets today. Hear his words, from 1 Kings 19:10, "The children of

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My Sermonette

FLORENCE SCHUMAKER

"Greater Love"

"Greater love bath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," John 15:13.

The test supreme is not a giving up, but a laying down; hallelujah! a voluntary sacrifice of our all in all, even our physical life itself. History affords us many names of those who have done this very thing. Did you ever mentally put yourself in their places and wonder if you could have done likewise? Here is a little secret. Can you—do you—daily, "Hide with many a light disguise, the secret of self-sacrifice"? If not, I'm afraid the supreme test would find us wanting. Like the small three-year-old, who swelled out his chest in the house, and said, "I'm not afraid of a lion," only to run screaming into the house a few minutes later, stung by a bumblebee. We crave for big things and minimize small things. But great things are all made up of the minutest particles. No one ever robbed a bank on the spur of the moment. He had been a thief, mentally at least, for a long time—perhaps during his entire life. Then when the chance came, he seized it. No one does a great deed spurred on by great motives, who has not been doing many unselfish acts for years previous. Maybe such small acts that only the recording angel knew them, but when the great test came, his foundation wavered not, and the thing was accomplished. Let us look at the only perfect one. For three years His good deeds and self-sacrifices had been mounting up until they reached heaven itself in the supreme test.

Let us look at the other side of the picture. Jehovah called down to Cain, that wicked one, "The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." Abel's innocent blood would not be silent. Some, like Cain, are taking life instead of laying theirs down, but even as Cain was cursed, so shall they be. The dear Son of God not only laid down His life for His friends, but likewise for His enemies. Look at the one who has wronged you above all others. Would you—could you—die for that one? But you may say, "They are old, and I am young," or, "They are not educated, and I am a college graduate," or, "They are not very bright, while I can do so many things," "They are sowing discord continually while I am trying to sow peace." No, I see you decline the offer. You are not willing. Rom. 5:6-8, "For when we were yet without strength,

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Delkograms

D. H. DELK

Sabbath Worship

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day,"
Rev. 1:10.

There is nothing that would help the Church of God any more than for every member to get into the Spirit on the Lord's day (Sunday) regularly. The devil will never get this world till he has destroyed Sabbath worship. People that rob God of tithes and offerings, usually start by robbing Him first of the Sabbath. To stay out of service on the Sabbath is to help the devil. Let's quit helping the devil and God will win.

Some will say, "I cannot be there but my spirit will be there." I wonder if we pastors hadn't better start reserving seats for spirits to sit on; but, my! they are hard to preach to, no amens, praises, dollars, etc. Nothing but vacancy is hard to preach against. Now I don't think working on Sunday (if compulsory) is an unpardonable sin at all, but, brother, sister, these are perilous days; BE SURE YOU ATTEND EVERY SERVICE YOU CAN POSSIBLY GET TO. Keep in mind that these days are full of perils. This is Bible, "The love of money is the root of all evil."

I heard of a colored preacher appearing in church after being absent awhile, and the parson asked why he came back. He said, "Well, Brudder, I need strength, I've gotta paint a chicken coop, and build a fence around a watermelon patch."

"Wake ye, and pray, lest ye fall into temptation; the mind is prepared, but the body is infirm." Matt. 26:41. (*Syriac*)

How foolish to say we don't have time to attend church. When I realize "I AM JUST A VAPOUR," "MY DAYS ARE JUST AN HANDBREADTH," "I AM ALTOGETHER VANITY," and "THE LENGTH OF ETERNITY," and "THE DAMNATION OF HELL," I haven't time for anything else but to "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." See Heb. 10:25, 26.

A little girl said, "I know going to church doesn't make me a Christian but it keeps it in my mind."

"He that would prepare for Heaven, must honor the Sabbath on earth." (*Wilson*)

Across the weary desert of every year, God has given us fifty-two springs. O Lord, help us to ever be like David— "Glad (gleesome, full of joy) when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Some make the silly excuse for non-attendance: "I don't care to be mixed up with some of those hypocrites." But society is full of them, and they don't

become a hermit. Married life is full of them and they don't become old maids or bachelors. Business is full of hypocrites, but they don't miss a chance to try to make money with so-called hypocrites. Last but not least, hell (where all hypocrites go to stay) is full of them and they are doing nothing to keep from going there.

Almighty God, help us to get in the Spirit every Lord's day, and not just use Sunday as a sponge to wipe out the sins of the week.

Good Results in Few Nights' Meeting

MEADVILLE, Miss.—I just want to tell of the good meeting we had during the Christmas holidays. It began on Christmas Eve night with Rev. A. G. Gammill preaching on "The Birth of Christ and What It Meant To Us." After this service we had a little Christmas tree and then gave the presents out, which was enjoyed immensely.

The next night our beloved Rev. George Tingle took charge of the service and ran the meeting on for a few nights. Oh, how the Lord did bless. We had a real Christmas feast from heaven. The Holy Ghost took charge in two services and Rev. Tingle didn't get to preach. Two were saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Several were in the altar.

We surely enjoyed having Brother Tingle with us. He did some wonderful preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We feel like it was a blessing to the church. We desire the prayers of the Evangel family, so pray for Byrds Chapel church.—W. W. Gammill, clerk, Rt. 3, Box 158.

God Still Performs Miracles

ENNIS, Tex.—I am sounding a note of praise for the way the Lord is blessing in Ennis. Friday night in our weekly service four came to the altar and two received the Holy Ghost. We had healing service and one lady came for prayer who had been operated on for tumor two years ago. The place where she had been operated on was so sore she couldn't stand for it to be touched. When we prayed and laid our hands on her she was completely healed. Oh glory! Another lady came for prayer who was deaf in one ear. When we prayed for her I put my hand over the ear and called her by name and she answered me; she was healed!

Everyone who reads this, be sure to pray for our services, that the Lord will continue to bless.—Mrs. G. W. Alford, Gen. Del.

People can keep out of trouble and also keep others out of trouble by not being so free to give advice.

Deaths

BRIGHT

My father, J. L. Bright, went home to be with Jesus Jan. 14, 1942; age fifty-eight years and twenty-nine days. His testimony was he had a mansion waiting for him and was ready to go. Pray for his wife and children.—Mrs. Eunice Selmers, Greenwood, S. C.

BRANNON

Della Brannon, the loving mother of Rev. Frank Brannon and Sister Dovie Bearden, slipped away from this old world Jan. 8, 1942; age sixty-seven years.—H. H. Mathis, Ponce de Leon, Fla.

WOOD

Mrs. J. C. Wood, a faithful and loyal member of the Church of God until her death, passed from this life to a better one Dec. 26, 1941; age eighty-four years.—Her pastor, R. E. Lovelle, Granite Falls, N. C.

SHAFFER

Sister Sarah Ellen Shaffer, a faithful member of the Church of God for nine years, departed this life Jan. 16, 1942; age eighty-two years, six months and fifteen days.—Her pastor, H. R. Pelton, Boswell, Pa.

Victory in Jesus

RALEIGH, N. C.—I thank God for victory in Jesus. The Lord has been so good to us and has been so merciful for the past year we just can't thank Him enough. I and all the rest of the church really do praise God for the Church of God in Raleigh. The services are better and better every time we meet. The Holy Ghost surely met with us last night at our mid-week prayer service. It was wonderful.

The Sunday school and Y. P. E. are holding steady with the weather so cold. We are expecting them to grow a lot by the Lord's help when warm weather gets here. Praise the name of Jesus. He means so much to me. I believe He will work out my problems for me. Pray that I might stay in the center of His will at all times. Pray for the church at Raleigh.—Mrs. W. F. Mann, 109 Firwood Ave.

Editorially Speaking

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munities." But we are reminded of the words of Jesus, "By their fruits ye shall know them." The true worth of a minister in any community is reflected by his life and works and these activities will speak louder of his service to God and His Church than any distinctive garb he may elect to wear.

Praise and Thanksgiving

EAST LYNN, W. Va.—The Lord still hears our prayers at East Lynn, W. Va. A few days ago my grandson, Paul Douglas Ross, had a bicycle wreck and my husband said his arm was out of place at the elbow. They took him to the doctor, but the doctor said he would have to have an X-ray. They brought him back to see what his mother thought about it, his father being in Columbus, Ohio, at the time. I fasted and prayed and the Lord let his arm straighten right out. I have been healed of asthma and many other diseases.—Ellen Adkins.

ST. CATHERINE, Fla.—The other night my baby was sick and we prayed. God touched his body and he has been getting better ever since. I give Jesus the praise for it all. Thank the Lord He is so good to us. He comes to our rescue when we need Him most. I love Jesus and want to stand true and win souls for Him. Pray for our family and my loved ones who are unsaved. Remember my two children when you pray.—Sister Marjorie Williams.

JENSEN, Fla.—God has done a wonderful work for me. I took very sick on Monday night and could hardly sit down over five minutes and could hardly lay down over half an hour for pain. I slipped Sunday night on the church step and hurt myself badly. I was in misery for three days. I called for the saints to pray and sent to headquarters for an anointed cloth and before the cloth reached me God healed me at once. Dear saints of God, you need not fear, just trust God, He can heal. I have been trusting Him for nineteen years. I feel good right now.—Solomon Mackey, Box 64.

FOLSOM, La.—I praise our blessed Savior who can heal if we will only trust Him. It is sweet to trust Him. Not so long ago my mother was very low. She had high blood pressure, heart trouble, and pellagra. She went to different doctors and had spent many days in the hospital at three different times and was getting worse all the time. She came home and we began trusting God to heal. I wrote in for prayer and to many different people and Mother began to get better. She received many anointed cloths and placed them on her body and she got well and received the precious Holy Ghost. How we do thank the dear Lord

for His goodness to us. God is able to fulfill every promise He has made and He will if we look to Him in faith. The Lord healed my baby this past winter. One night she couldn't rest. She suffered all day and the next night I asked the Lord to let her rest. I laid the Evangel on her little body and she rested good all night and is better. Thank God, I learned to love, obey and trust Him. Pray that my oldest son will see no rest in worldly pleasures and will turn to the true and living way.—Mrs. Louise Rodriguez.

ALABAMA CITY, Alabama.—Dear Brothers, Sisters and Evangel Readers, greetings in Jesus' dear name. It has been quite a while since I have sent-in a testimony although it has been on my mind ever since our new church and parsonage were finished. I am still a shut-in and very feeble, have just been to service twice since they were finished. Well, salvation is wonderful. I am so glad that I never did fight this way like a lot of people did when it first started in Alabama City. Some of the workers were surely treated bad. I was sorry for them so I told my family to just leave those people alone for if it was of the devil it

would soon come to naught but if it was God's work it could not be overthrown. Well, praise the dear Lord, I am glad that I am one of them today, saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost with victory in my soul.

I was saved at the age of twenty-seven years. I will never forget that blessed day when Jesus took my sins away. I was under deep conviction singing, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." It was a prayer in song from my heart, so when I reached the last line of the first verse, "Oh, receive my soul at last," I meant that and right there the burden of sin rolled off my heart. Thank the Lord. I felt the power but did not understand it then like I do now. They did not preach holiness. That is where my Christian life began but it did not stop here. Thank the Lord, I am in the Church of God until Jesus takes me out of this sinful world. I hate sin and the devil worse than anything. He has done his best to stamp out holiness but he has failed. Our God was in it from the start and is still in it and will be in it until Jesus comes.

The people here know that we had no church, just had an old storehouse to hold services in, with the shelves still in it.

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This is our third church now, this last one a \$30,000 brick with a five-room parsonage. See what the Lord has done. Now friends, I am not bragging; I am writing this for the glory of God. He has been so merciful to us and blessed us with those beautiful buildings. He was in it from the start and His work never has been overthrown and never will be. It is still going. Thank the Lord. All glory and honor belong to Him.

I love the Church of God and the Evangel. I think it is the best paper in the world. It is both food and company to me. Sometimes when I am reading the Holy Ghost takes charge of my tongue and speaks a few words. I read everything in it, then give it to others.

Pray for me and mine that they will all be saved before it is too late.—Mrs. M. E. Lowry Downs.

SALT GAP, Tex.—Praise God for old time religion, for the sweet Holy Ghost and His mighty healing power. Not long ago He healed me of a bad case of flu. My daughter and her husband wanted to send for the doctor, but I took my case to the Lord, one who never fails. My daughter is a Christian and the Lord heard and answered prayer. Her home is away out here on the lone prairie and no holiness folks near, but the Lord has kept her going on with Him. Pray that the Lord will send laborers out to this part of Texas. There is not a Church of God anywhere near this place, but Jesus is here. He is leading me along and my prayer is that my life will be a light shining out through the night, leading lost souls out of darkness into the glorious light of our great Redeemer. Jesus alone can save the lost soul; He alone can heal a broken heart. When death has come and taken away a loved one, if we are walking close by His side we can hear Him speak to our hearts these sweet words, "Let not your heart be troubled, in my Father's house are many mansions. Watch and pray; be not afraid for I will be with you." In poverty, in sickness and hard trials my God has never forsaken me; He has healed me many times when at death's door; He has also healed every one of my seven children and snatched them back from death and eternal punishment and his Holy Word is a lamp unto my path. Surely goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life. I am watching and longing for that great day when beauty shall spring from the prison clay and the redeemed of earth will all fly away to meet Jesus in the air.—Sister Sarah E. Cheek, Rt. 1.

HAZLEHURST, Ga.—I praise God for what He is to me. We know He will be just as great and valuable as we will let Him be. Last week I had a terrible

case of sore eyes and was in bed from Saturday night until the next Saturday morning, but late Monday evening our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Tommie Harper, came and prayed with us. Thank God, He touched me at once and I was getting along fine, didn't even hurt any more, but Tuesday night we had company and I sat in the room where there was a light for just a few minutes and my eyes began hurting again. My mother and sisters prayed with me most all night. I would get better, but not healed. I could hear mother in her room praying after they all had gone to bed. I would doze off to sleep, then awake in so much pain I could hardly stay in bed. Sometime past midnight mother got a letter that I had received from Brother B. R. Hughen in 1939, for the healing of my body at that time, and gave it to me, saying, "Put it on your eyes and just believe." We kept praying and I was healed in just a few minutes. I could feel the power from that letter down in my feet and legs. I was very weak, but I really felt like shouting. I'm sure the One who keeps my soul will take care of my body. Pray for my faith to be increased.—Lizzie McLendon, Rt. 3.

DUNN, N. C.—I praise God for victory in my soul. I have been very sick for over five months with T. B. of the glands, heart trouble and kidney trouble. The doctor said my blood was almost gone and he wanted me to go to the hospital at once. He said I would have to have a blood transfusion and a lot of X-ray treatments, but I have trusted the Lord with my body for years and I am still trusting Him. I have had T. B. of the glands for a great many years, able to do my housework part of the time, but this time my faith is very weak. The Lord has raised me up many times, for which I give Him all the praise. Some times my suffering is so great it seems more than I can stand. My battle is very hard but the Lord has been by my side.

I am thankful I gave my heart to the Lord. He has been with me through many dark valleys. I had a heart attack not very long ago. I could pray a few words at first, but soon weakened away and for several days was not able to pray but just two or three words. I was so weak it would cut my breath off to pray with my lips closed, so you know I have been in need. The Lord is by my side. I am still in bed. I have sent for the saints three times and they came and prayed for which I surely thank them. Our good pastor and wife have been several times. If there is ever a time that Church of God people need to reach out and get more love for one another it is today.

My prayer is to be faithful and not

give up trusting the Lord with my body. Please pray for my healing if it is His will.—Ockey Hamilton, Rt. 4.

IRON CITY, Ga.—I feel the Lord's presence and waves of glory over me flowing.

I praise Him for every temptation He has made it possible for me to overcome. Then I praise Him for every time He has made me willing to deny myself, for the good humble spirit He has given me, and every soul that I have ever helped in anyway, every kind word I have ever spoken, for the burden that is on my heart right now for poor lost souls and lost loved ones, for the dark hours of night when I was praying and only Jesus understood and soothed my aching heart, and for every pain He has made it possible for me to bear.

In March of this year I was taken very sick. My husband called the doctor and he said I had kidney stones and high blood pressure. I praise Him because, though He didn't say He would keep temptations and sufferings from us, He said, "Lo, I am with you alway." He is going to have a tried people. If we fall down in the test we cannot be promoted. The way is not all shouts, however, there is shouting on the way.

If we are ever perfected it will be through obedience, suffering and love. Perfect love casts out all fear. If we are afraid to trust Jesus with our bodies, lives, loved ones, money, food, clothes and burdens, we haven't been made perfect in love.

Oh, can't we see the day approaching. Jesus is soon coming. Have you got everything on the altar? Are you holding back something? Have you laid aside those little weights which so easily beset? Can you say there is victory in Jesus? The falling away is here, the lukewarm church age is ready to be spewed out of His mouth. Many have drifted too far from the main line and are traveling a cold trail. The love of many has waxed cold, but Jesus is coming just as He said. Please pray for me to stay humble, for my unsaved husband and children.—Mrs. S. M. Miller.

Question Box

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Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." But the Lord answered him saying, in verse 18, "I have left me seven thousand men in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal." Remember God has plenty of children and all of them are your friends.

Reports of Revivals

TOCCOA, Ga. — We have recently closed a good revival here at Toccoa, with Rev. Carl Cox as evangelist. Brother Cox did some good preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Many souls were blessed. The church was edified and built up.

The revival ran three weeks and the night we closed we observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing. We had an all-day service during this revival. Brother Cox took the offering, which amounted to \$100.00, for our new church building. The Greenville quartet was with us throughout the day and in the afternoon a representative of the Stamps-Baxter quartet was present.

The Lord has blessed our work here at Toccoa. We have a nice new church building, dimensions 36x64, equipped with Sunday school rooms and ladies' and men's rest rooms. The Lord has given us favor with the local radio station, WRLC. Our programs over this station are without charge. For our all-day services they gave us an hour's broadcast directly from the church, besides our regular program free.

Pray for us at Toccoa.—W. H. Godwin.

VANCEBURG, Ky.—We have just closed a good revival at Vanceburg Church of God, during which two were saved and the saints greatly revived. Brother Elmer Thomas was the evangelist. We had communion and feet washing.

Please pray for the work here; we are getting along fine.—Mary Stapleton.

MONROE, Ga.—We are in the midst of a great revival here at Monroe. Seventeen have been filled with the Holy Ghost in two weeks; some are praying through most every night. Sister Nettie Mayfield, of Mobile, Ala., is the evangelist. She has as her coworker Sister Henrietta Lawson, who has the gift of healing. Many miraculous healings have been done through her prayers.—P. H. Hammond, pastor, Box 361.

GRAND LEDGE, Mich. — We have just closed a meeting here in Grand Ledge which ran a little over a week. Brother E. O. Kerse, our state overseer, did the preaching. We certainly enjoyed his wonderful messages. God has surely blessed us here in Grand Ledge. At the end of Brother Kerse's meeting the only other Pentecostal church here in town united with the Church of God, including their preacher. We are moving into

their church, as they gave all of their property to the Church of God and they had a nicer building than we. Of course we do not plan to be there long as we are expecting by early summer to be in a beautiful new church building which is now under construction.

We are enjoying our work here in Michigan. I do not believe I have ever worked with a finer people. We also appreciate and love our district pastor, Brother T. C. Messer. He has the work at heart.

Pray for us here in Grand Ledge, that God will continue to bless and save souls.
—C. H. Long, pastor.

WOODFIN, N. C.—We have recently closed a few nights' revival here in which the Holy Ghost came on the scene

in a mighty way. Nine were saved, three sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. The revival spirit is still on. The following Sunday after the revival two were saved and one sanctified. Please pray for our success here.—Pastor, Rev. Fred Jump, Rt. 1, Asheville, N. C., c/o Clyde Young.

CEDAR SPRINGS, Tenn. — The Church of God at Cedar Springs closed a two weeks' revival Sunday, January 11, with Brother George A. Douglas, of Cleveland, Tenn., doing the preaching.

We thank God for sending a man like Brother Douglas our way; we love him and believe him to be a man of God. We appreciate the messages that he delivered. We feel that Brother Douglas has been a blessing to us. We invite him to visit us again.

We were glad to have Brother and Sister Gallaher of the Highland church with us during the revival. We appreciate their faithful efforts during the altar

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Special Notice

We regret very much that we must make this announcement, but due to advance in labor, paper and other materials, it is imperative that we advance prices for the duration of the war. We are in hopes we will be able to get along with the small advance we are making now, and not have to make another increase. I am sure our patrons will respond cooperatively to this announcement.

The new prices, which take effect with orders for the second quarter's literature, appear below:

Adult Quarterlies	7c
Intermediate Quarterlies	7c
Junior Quarterlies	7c
Beginners Quarterlies	5½c
Teachers Quarterlies	20c
Sets of Leaflets	5½c
Sets of Cards	5½c
Sunday School Model Records	50c
Sunday School Class Records	10c
Picture Rolls	\$1.25
Junior Jewels (per quarter)	10c

Price change on tithe envelopes takes effect with this notice:

100	\$.45
500	2.00
1,000	3.50
5,000	16.25

Revivals

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service. We praise God because we felt His presence during each service. I, as pastor, love the church and want to do my best as their shepherd. Pray that the church will be a soul-winning station.—Howard J. McGee, pastor, Rt. 4, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

See That Ye Be Not Troubled

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every side, the Lord said, "See that ye be not troubled." Let these words encourage you that are troubled. Listen to the majestic words of the revelator as he foretells of the casting down of the horse and rider. Rev. 19:11-21. He can go to his struggling saints, against whom the battle seems to go hard, and say, "Faint not; the Lord is at hand, and he will bruise Satan under his feet shortly." To the saints wearied with a vexing world, fretted with its vanities, and troubled with the thickening darkness of its midnight, I can say, "Be of good cheer, the Lord is at hand; but a little while, and the world shall cease to vex; sooner than you think the morn will break." To the suffering saints I can say, "Weep not, your torn heart shall be bound up, and the bitterness of bereavement forgotten in the joy of union forever." To the lagging saints, heavy and slothful in their walks, "Wake up, for the Lord is at hand; work while it is day; look at the dying world, all unready for its Judge; cast off your selfishness and love of ease." To the selfish saints I can say, "The Lord is coming. This is no time for hoarding. Heap not treasures for the last days."

"See that ye be not troubled." "These things I have spoken unto you, that ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world," John 16:33.

Interesting News From B. T. S.

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al exams. The presence of the Lord seemed so sweet from the very first of the service, and the one selected to preach was never called on, as the convicting power of God took charge of the service for many hours. Several received the Holy Spirit and a number received salvation and sanctification experiences. One boy who had been confined to bed for several days with a foot injury was healed instantly and went running up and down the hall, shouting and praising God. The love and fellowship were as sweet as we have felt all year, and our hearts are filled with praise for Him who truly "maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow with it."—Horace McCracken, Editor of the *Beacon*.

God Is On the Throne

I am writing to sound a note of praise

for my Redeemer. Truly "God is still on the throne." This has been proven in my life and that is the reason I'm praising my King.

On December 16 I was forced to leave the Bible School. Old Satan made it impossible for me to stay in that heavenly place and prepare for God's ministry. I left with no thoughts or hopes of ever being able to return. During the next two weeks I was bombarded with persecutions and trials from God-hating holiness fighters. But praise His name He brought me through.

The first week of the year I received a call to go to a small country mission for a revival. At this time I had several opportunities for good jobs on defense projects, but I turned them down and started out to defend my Savior's gospel and to seek lost souls. Upon reaching the small church, I found that it was impossible for me to conduct the revival. But God had His hand in the arrangements, for I was given a revival in the Danville, Virginia, Church of God.

Oh, praise God for these precious saints! There we had a wonderful meeting. Although the temperature dropped to four below zero, the saints, and especially the young folks, gathered, and how God did bless! Six were saved, four sanctified, and three received the Holy Ghost. But that is only the beginning of what God has done for me. The good folks in the Danville church have made it possible for me to be back in Bible School! Oh, how I praise God for the saints there and their good pastor, Rev. J. G. Houck. Surely he is a man of God. The Danville church has prospered under his ministry in a great way. Eighteen new members have come into the church since the Assembly, and more are looking this way.

Pray for me, that I may be able to stand the tests for God and be a soul winner for Him.—Eugene B. Furr, B. T. S., Sevierville, Tenn.

Requests For Prayer

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My husband's and my health to be restored; God to undertake for some unspoken requests; my husband's brothers and sisters.—A sister in Christ, Cleveland, Tenn.

—R—
The healing of a neighbor of severe stomach trouble, Mrs. Amanda Bayes, Tram, Ky. She is getting worse. Her daughter, Mrs. Charley Kidd, Conaway, Va.—Mrs. Minta Brown, Conaway, Va.

—R—
Me to be healed of sugar diabetes; my daughter-in-law to be healed of asthma.—Mrs. Olga Henck, Lacochee, Fla.

—R—
The healing of my brother-in-law, he is in a serious condition. The doctors

can't find what is wrong. Unless God heals him he can't live long. Also pray that he will be saved.—Mrs. R. L. Birmingham, Rt. 1, Trion, Ga.

—R—

The healing of my body, my back and side hurt me so badly at times I am not able to do my housework.—Mrs. William Harvey, Jr., Box 1, East New Market, Md.

—R—

God to heal my body, I have been sick about a year and have been in the hospital part of the time. God to supply our needs and provide my husband with work. My husband to be saved.—Mrs. Hetty Sullivan, Saylor, Ky.

—R—

The healing of my body, I was in and out of the hospital all last summer and have been operated on. I have nervous indigestion and am very weak. Please pray for my healing.—Mrs. Herbert Wilson, Box 95, LaFrance, S. C.

—R—

Little Cara May Garner to be healed of pneumonia, she has been sick about two months.—Mrs. J. C. Lambert, Hemp, N. C.

—R—

I Know His Healing Power Is Real

ALTO, Ga.—I praise the Lord this evening for what He really means to me. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. I am really proud that I am serving a prayer-answering God.

I am in the sanatorium with T. B., but I am really looking to God for my healing. My husband is not saved so he does not understand and know the power God has. I know His healing power is real. I know He will do to depend on, so I am looking to Him for my healing.

I haven't been saved but about six months and I will be out of services a good long time unless the Lord undertakes, so please pray much for me. I have two little boys. Pray that God will undertake for them until I can go home. Pray for my husband to be saved. If anyone feels led, please write me.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Hazel Brooks, State Sanatorium, Alto, Ga.

My Sermonette

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in due time Christ died for the ungodly." "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." It is godlike to die for one's enemies on a cross which has been set up by the enemies' hands, saying, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Can you? Can I? Don't be too sure of yourself—only the actual test will be the correct answer.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

The heart that is full of strife is void of true love for both God and man.

Reports

from the

Field

W. NASHVILLE, Tenn.—My heart is overflowing with praises to our Lord and I can't be silent any longer. God has done so many wonderful things for the W. Nashville church since the Assembly that the saints' hearts are just bursting with gratitude and love. Our church was in a very low state and it seemed that Satan had used all the demon power he could muster to draw away the saints and to discourage and burden those who were steadfast and unmovable, but thank God, He heard the prayers of the faithful few as they cried and begged Him to have His holy way and He sent us one of the very best pastors in the Church of God. We thank God for our good pastor, Rev. James H. Clark, and his humble wife. She plays the piano and is a great blessing in every service. Brother Clark is a real Holy-Ghost-filled, God-fearing man and how God has blessed the church under his leadership. He preaches under the real power of the Holy Ghost and truly every soul is blessed and encouraged to a higher, better, and more useful life. The Lord meets with us in every service.

Our Sunday school and Y. P. E. services have been good, too. Three prayed through to the Holy Ghost and one was saved just in our regular services. We haven't as yet had any revival, but are expecting one in the near future, as we are praying and trusting God to send us one. Every department of the church is growing and moving on to greater things. Our Sunday school attendance has risen from fourteen the first Sunday Brother Clark was here, to eighty-five. We have organized a Y. P. E., have a good attendance, and the Lord blesses in a great way. Praise His name! We also have an L. W. W. B. organized with a goodly number on roll, and the Lord meets with us in every service and pours out His sweet blessings on all. Everyone is proving to be a willing worker in the full meaning of the word. They all have a mind to work. God has wonderfully blessed every effort put forth and is supplying our temporal needs, along with so many spir-

itual blessings. How we do love and praise God.

Pray for us here at West Nashville, that we will stay humble where God can use us to reach lots of souls and we feel the great need of trying to save as many souls as possible from Satan's snares and power while we have the opportunity and privilege to work, for soon cometh the night when no man can work. God has manifested His power in many healings here recently. Thank the Lord, we can never praise Him enough. He poured out such a wonderful blessing on our Sunday night service that the saints were all shouting, dancing and speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Many souls are stirred in this community. Pray for us.—Sister Lannie Collins, 6109 Penn Ave.

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SESSER, Ill.—The Church of God here is still gaining ground in spite of all the

enemy has tried to hinder. We are progressing in every department of the church and along every line. Our Sunday school attendance on Dec. 21 was one hundred two, which breaks the past records of previous years, of eighty-four as the highest attendance. We had a Christmas program on Tuesday night, Dec. 23, which was enjoyed by all. Several expressed it as being extra good. The large church house was well filled with people and God's presence was in our midst.

We have the state Y. P. E. banner now. Our Y. P. E. is doing fine work and is growing. It looks like it will do much better in the future than the past. The W. W. B. is on the job with its part of this good work. They are faithful and loyal. At our Christmas program we received \$15.00 as a special orphanage offering. We are meeting all of our mission quotas; also, the Evangel and Lighted Pathway are not being neglected. Special

The Church of God On the Air

Toccoa, Ga., over station WRLC, Toccoa, Ga. Each third Sunday at 4:15 p. m. W. H. Godwin, pastor.

East Chattanooga, Tenn., over station WAPO. Chattanooga, 1150 Kc. Each Sunday at 6:30 a. m. D. B. Yow, pastor.

Carriers Mills, Ill., over station WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Saturday from 10:00-10:30 a. m. Leonard Newton, pastor.

LaGrange, Ga., 1240 Kc., LaGrange. Each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m., E.S.T. Vance Perkins, pastor.

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Rev. H. L. Whittington and the LeFevre Trio, Atlanta, Ga., over station WGST, Each Sunday morning from 8:00-8:30 E.S.T.

Each Sunday afternoon from 3:00-4:00, E.S.T., over station WAGA.

Atlantic City, N. J., over WFPG, 1450 Kc. Each Sunday afternoon from 2:00-2:30 o'clock. Carl J. Hughes, pastor.

Augusta, Ga., over WGAC, Augusta, Ga. Each Saturday at 6:45 a. m. Each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Rev. Odie Smith, pastor, and Langley, S. C., Church of God on same station.

Illinois, over WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Saturday morning from 10:00-10:30. H. O. Harris, overseer of Illinois.

Valdosta, Ga., over station WGOV, Valdosta. Each Sunday afternoon from 3:30-4:00 o'clock. E.S.T. L. P. Shaw, pastor.

North and West Knoxville Churches over station WNOX, Knoxville, Tenn., 990 og your dial. Each Saturday morning from 10:05-10:30. G. W. Hodges and J. D. Wilson, pastors.

Carmi, Ill., over station WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Friday morning from 10:00-10:30. J. L. Summers, pastor.

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Benton, Ill. Each Monday from 10:00-10:30 a. m., over WEBQ, Harrisburg.

Warren, Ohio, district over station WRRN, 1400 Kc. Each Friday from 10:30-11:00 p. m. J. A. Lewis, pastor.

Cincinnati, Ohio, over WCPO, 1230 Kc. Each Sunday night from 9:30-10:00. Cincinnati church band and quartet will be on this broadcast with us every service. R. J. Staats, pastor.

North Rome, Ga., over station WRGA, Rome, 1500 Kc. Each Monday morning from 10:30-11:00, E.S.T. Linwood Jacobs, pastor.

Vulcan and Delbarton, W. Va., over stations WBTH, Williamson, 1400 Kc., 250 watts. Each Sunday from 2:00-3:00 p. m. H. H. Tygart, Vulcan, W. Va., and W. H. Compton, Delbarton, W. Va., pastors.

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., over station WFTL, Ft. Lauderdale, 1410 Kc. Each Sunday at 7:15 p. m. V. B. Ellis, pastor.

Decatur, Ala., over station WMSL, 1400 Kc. Each week day at 4:30 p. m. Each Sunday at 8:30 a. m. Albert Batts, pastor.

North Cleveland, Tenn., over station WBTL, Dalton, Ga., 1230 Kc. Each Sunday from 1:00-2:00 p. m. Services broadcast direct from the church. F. R. Harrawood, pastor.

Lindale, Ga., over station WRGA. Each Saturday from 10:30-11:00 a. m. E. S. T. H. T. Durden, pastor.

Cedartown, Ga., over station WGAA. Each Sunday from 5:05-5:30 p. m. E. S. T. H. T. Durden, pastor.

Minot, N. Dak., over station KLPM, 1390 Kc. Each Thursday from 5:00-5:15 p. m. Lemuel Johnson, pastor.

Gainesville, Ga., over station WGGA, Gainesville. Each Sunday from 5:30-6:00 p. m. R. O. Calaway, pastor.

Wilmington, N. C., over station WMFD, Wilmington, 1400 Kc. Each Sunday from 5:00-5:15 p. m. V. D. Combs, pastor.

Logan and Mallory, W. Va., districts, over station WLOG, Logan, 1220 Kc. Each Sunday from 3:00-4:00 p. m. C. R. Cook and S. B. McCane, district overseers.

Memphis, Tenn., over station WMPS, Memphis, 1460 Kc., 1000 watts. Each Sunday from 2:00-2:30 p. m. C. J. Hindmon, pastor.

Union, Miss., over station WCOC, Meridian, Miss., 1000 Kc. Each Sunday at 4:30 p. m. C. W. Kendall, pastor.

West Helena, Ark., over station KFFA, Helena. Each Sunday from 2:00-3:00 p. m. William Roberson, pastor.

The Klaudt Trio, over station KGCU, Mondan, N. Dak. Each Sunday from 4:00-5:00 p. m. C. S. T. R. H. Klaudt, evangelist, Mercer, N. Dak.

attention is given to every department of the Church program. There is no trouble or friction so far. All are working and responding so nicely to win souls for Jesus. We had sixty-eight members at the beginning of this Church year and now we have seventy-seven without the loss of a single member as yet. *These people do things the Bible way—tithes and offerings.* Can any good thing come out of Sesser? Well, come over and see. It is impossible to keep people down who are determined to please God. These people are standing by and supporting their pastor, responding willingly to all he has asked of them.—Rev. T. F. Blackwell, pastor.

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I thank the Lord for my being added to the dear Church of God; it is so sweet to be among people who put God first in all things. I praise Him for the privilege of being in service with Sister Anne Ruth Freeman at Erwin Hill church last Sunday. They need a new floor in their church. The Lord laid the burden on Sister Freeman's heart to have a sacrifice service, and Brother Duck, the district pastor, preached the sacrifice sermon. His text was 1 Cor. 1:18, "God's Tool Box." He began to reach down in God's tool box and use the tools that God had prepared for that service. The sweet Holy Ghost came down in our midst and blessed our souls. That is just a small church but it is full of fire and God's love and they are a people who are willing to sacrifice all they have to fix up God's haven, so they brought in their pay envelopes and laid them down on God's altar with all they had in them. One brother who worked at a sawmill brought his week's pay with the rest and bought his week's groceries on credit. I am sure he doesn't make much. I tell you God will reward that brother.

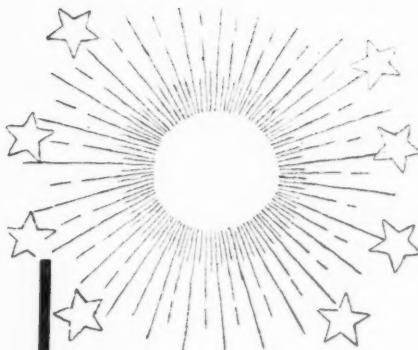
God gave His precious Son for us. Bless His dear name. Brother Duck closed his message by saying, "God gave." There were only thirty-seven persons in the house, children and all, and when Brother Duck got through using God's tools out of that box there was \$70.00 lying on the altar to fix up God's house. I feel like David did when he said, "My cup runneth over." Dear children of God, God is everything we take Him to be.

Please pray for me. I felt directed by the Holy Ghost to write this to the Evangel for the encouragement of the saints at Erwin Hill. I am a member of the North Rome Church of God.—Mrs. C. S. Richardson, Rome, Ga.

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